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Honorable Sonny Callahan  
House of Representatives  
2418 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Callahan:

This is in reply to your letter of January 28, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, T.H. O'Melia, Jr., regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications.

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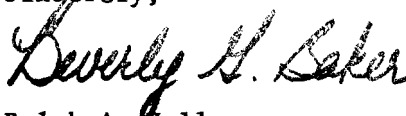
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We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due February 26, 1993, and Reply Comments are due April 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued near the end of 1993. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Haller  
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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RE: Mr. T. H. O'Melia, Jr.  
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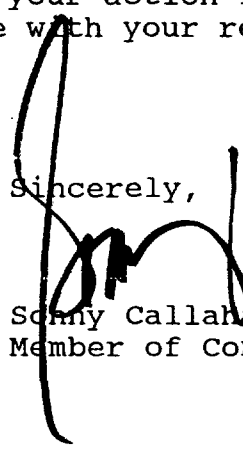
Dear Mr. Haines:

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Sonny Callahan  
Member of Congress

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January 21, 1993

Congressman Sonny Callahan  
1330 Longworth Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sonny:

I have been informed that **FCC Docket 92-235** will be detrimental to our Company's two way RADIO system. Although I am not an expert on the workings of our radio system, I do know that we are very dependent upon it. It has become an indispensable part of both our forestry and logging operations.

I would appreciate your investigating the above mentioned FCC Docket 92-235 and if my information is correct, i.e., that it will gravely affect our communications ability, please vigorously oppose any changes that would be detrimental to our present system.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom", which is the signature of T.H. O'Melia, Jr.

T.H. O'Melia, Jr.